

**Family of
Robert Guthrie Hannaford
(1875-1960)**

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A Supplement to

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Introduction

The purpose of this Supplement to Shirley Hannaford's compilation of the genealogy of William John Hannaford (1815-1889) is to expand the record on the family of Robert Guthrie and Emma Meritt Hannaford.

Three segments comprise this Supplement:

- A 5-page section of photographs. I placed a premium on using the earliest photographs available. The larger number of photos came from Alberta's collection. She tells me that she began taking pictures shortly after she began work at Montgomery Ward. One of her earliest photos is the one of Pat and me on the last page.

Guthrie Len Edwards gave me the photograph of Verta and John Kilian at the time of the 1989 Hannaford reunion in Fairfield, IL. The photo of Dad at age 19 is a photographic copy I made from an album on display at this or an earlier reunion. The album belonged to Len's sister, Jean Edwards Pollard, to the best of my recollection.

The photos are arranged in *roughly* chronological order, but the various sizes and shapes required that fitting the photos to the page frequently took precedence. Additional photos were available, but I tried to focus on producing a record of the immediate family within a reasonable number of pages.

- A 7-page set of genealogy charts for the descendants of Robert Guthrie Hannaford.
- Letters written by Dad (RGH) and Uncle John Meritt (JBM) to the annual Wanderers' Edition of the Wayne County Press. Most of these letters come from library research by Bill Nichols, husband of Vernetta Hannaford Nichols, and a couple from Shirley Hannaford. I searched Wayne County Press microfilm, finding the 1940 RGH letter, but no letters for the years 1935 through 1939. Letters from the two writers are combined chronologically. JBM letters are dated 1919 and 1937; RGH letters are dated 1908, 1930, 1940, 1947, 1949, 1951, 1952, and 1953.

Inevitably, the newspaper text contains some errors from the editor trying to read hand-written letters. And I surely made some transcription errors when working from faded hard copy and microfilm. In general I corrected only obvious errors, such as our Medford street address; I used [sic] or [.....] to mark some apparent errors. I consciously did not alter incorrect spelling.

Among the photograph captions and the genealogy charts there are perhaps a few errors; please send me a note if you find an error and I will pass along any significant corrections.

Special note: I want to make it clear that I prepared this Supplement as something to share with the rest of the family, and it has been a very satisfying project. I do not want to receive any payment for these Supplements and will not accept any. I hope everyone will enjoy finding some information or photograph that is interesting or new to them.

Bruce Hannaford

MEMORANDUM

TO : THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM : THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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Guthrie and Emma Hannaford, with Verta (6), Alice (4), and Eugene (~2). Illinois, ca 1907



**Guthrie and Emma Hannaford
50th Wedding Anniversary
Medford, OK January 1950**



**Alice (14), Verta (16), Eugene (12)
Medford, OK ca 1916**



**John & Emma Hannaford, Guthrie (center, age ~19),
clockwise: Nora, Mary, Clara, Olive, Eugene, and
William (between parents). Illinois, ca 1894**



**Guthrie Hannaford, age 5
Illinois ca 1880**



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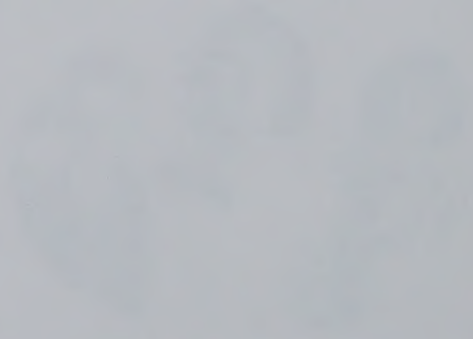
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Verta and John Kilian
Medford, OK November 1920



Alice and Sibley Bryson
Smoky Mountains (TN) ca 1964



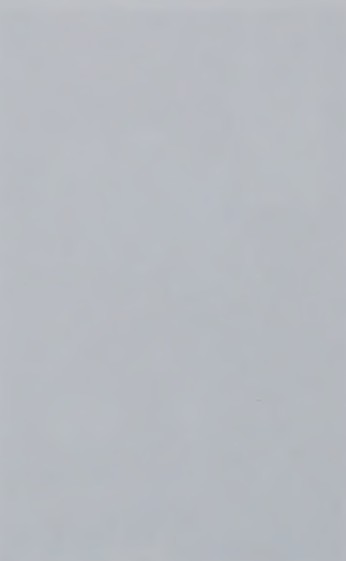
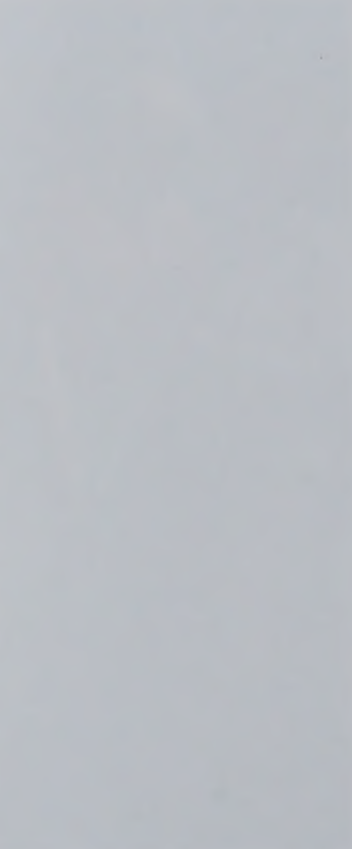
Eugene and Inez Hannaford
Los Angeles, CA ca 1940



Pat and Chuck Thorpe
Oak Ridge, TN Sept 92

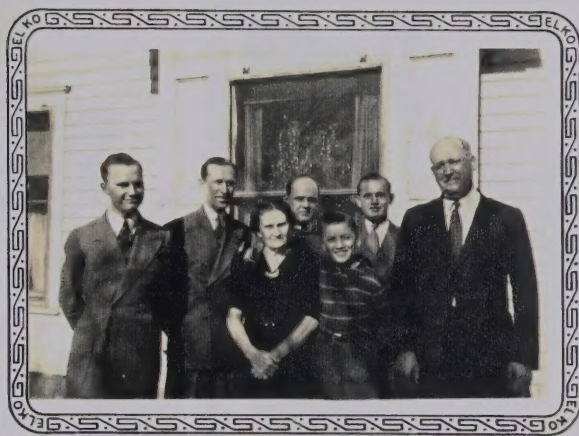


Cliff and Gayle Hannaford
Smoky Mountains June 1990





Wayne, Vernon, and Clifford
Medford, OK ca 1937



**Guthrie and Emma Hannaford with Clifford, Eugene,
Vernon, Wayne, and Bruce**
Medford, OK ca 1941



**Gertrude, Alberta, Alice, Verta, Mother, Dad, Maxine,
Vernon, Helen, Wayne, Clifford; in front: Bruce and Pat**
Medford, OK ca 1937



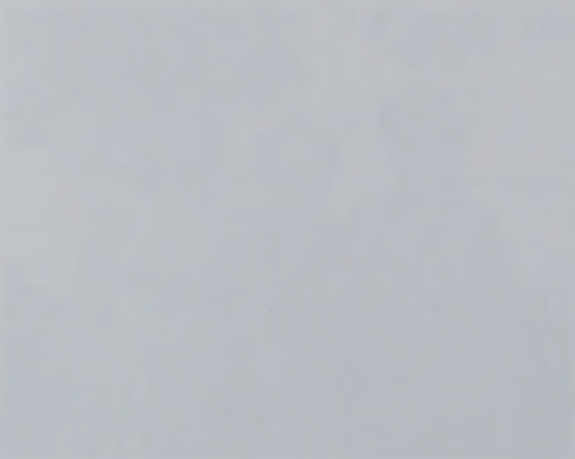
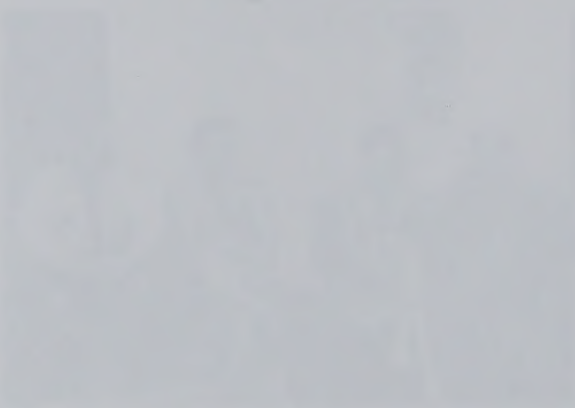
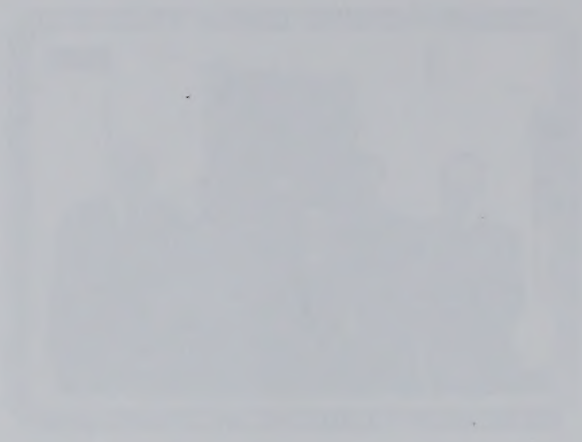
Mother, Maxine, Trudy, and Eugene
Medford, OK June 1960



Bruce and Jo, Vernon and Lola Hannaford
Oklahoma City, OK 1977



Mother with Maxine and Sharon Riley
Medford, OK June 1960





Maxine, Ada (Taylor) Grouchenour,
Alberta, Gertrude, Helen, Alice,
Verta, Mother, Pat
Marian Grouchenour
Medford, OK Nov 1936



Alberta Hannaford
Medford, OK June 1960



Alberta Hannaford
1200 N Hudson
Oklahoma City, OK 1942



Helen, Alberta, Lucille, Pat
Santa Ana, CA May 1990



Gertrude
Medford, OK ca 1943



Helen, Alice, Pat, Cliff, Trudy, Gene, Maxine, Alberta
Caldwell, KS June 1960



Trudy, Gene, Mother, Alberta
Caldwell, KS June 1960





Verta, Alice, Mother, Eugene, Vernon, Alberta, Gertrude, Bruce
Wayne, Clifford, Maxine, Helen, Patricia
(Lucille not present)
Medford, OK June 1960

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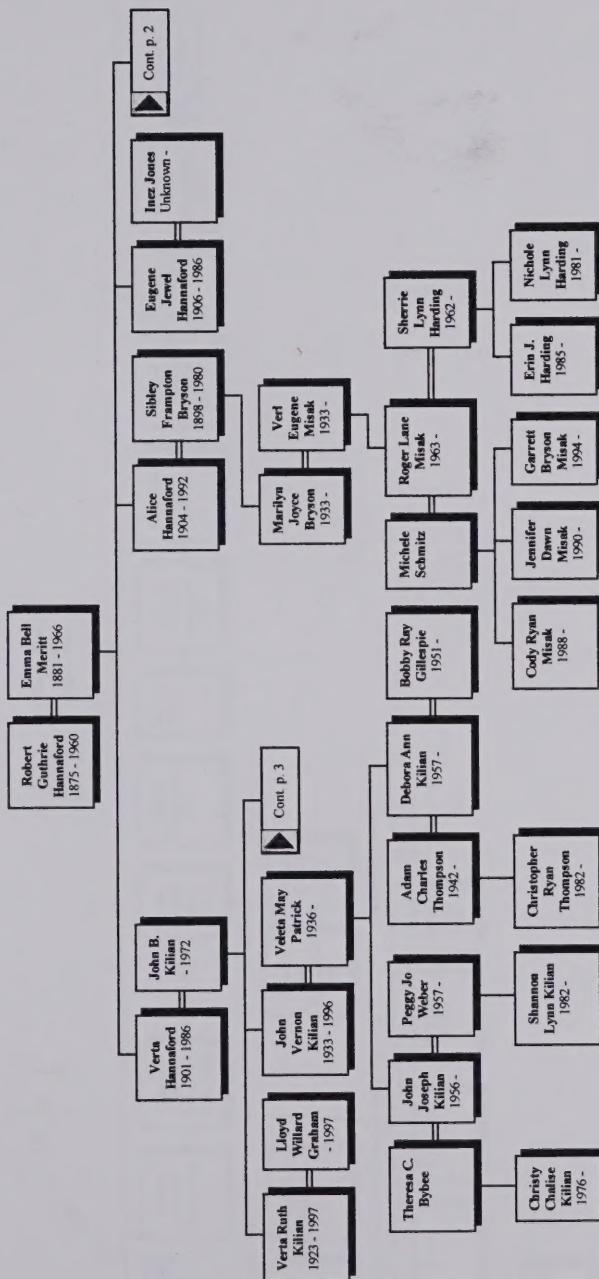


Patricia (age 5) and Bruce (age 3)
Medford, OK ca 1932

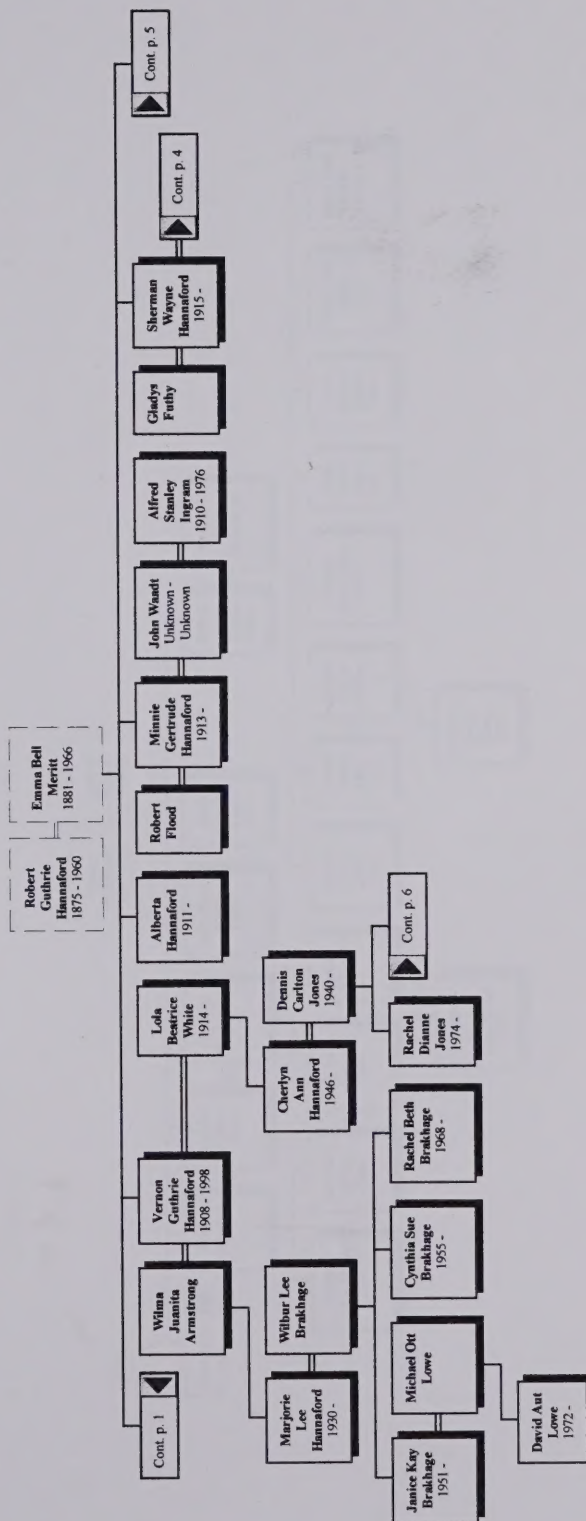


Front: Steve, Barbara Thorpe, Cynthia & Janice Brakhage, Nita Thorpe
Middle: Roger, Jimmy, Ruth Kilian, Marjorie Brakhage, Mother, Cherlyn
Rear: Jim & Jerry Kilian, Dad, and Marilyn Misak
Medford, OK June 1958

Descendants of Robert Guthrie Hannaford (1 of 7)



Descendants of Robert Guthrie Hannaford (2 of 7)



Descendants of Robert Guthrie Hannaford (3 of 7)

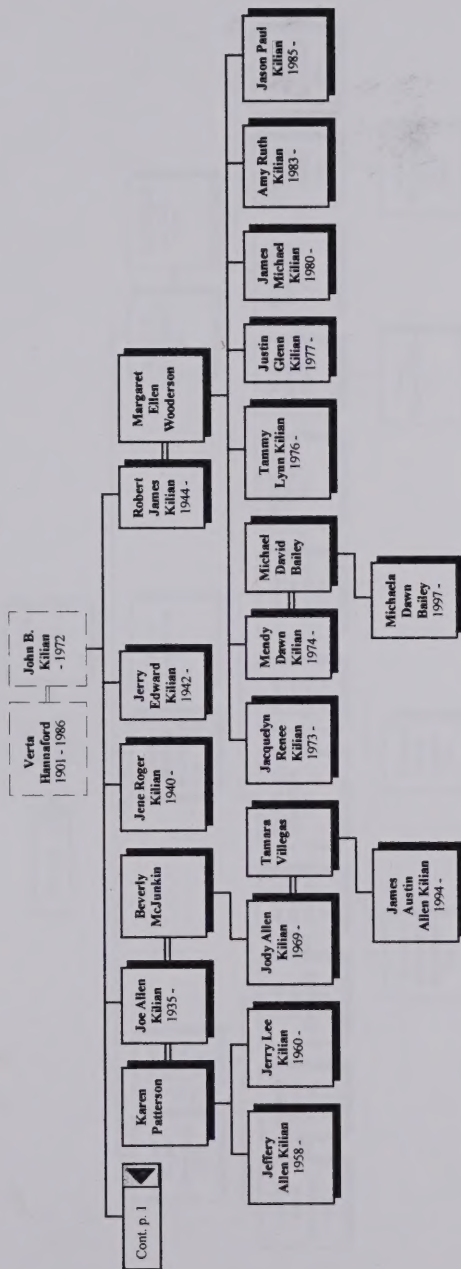
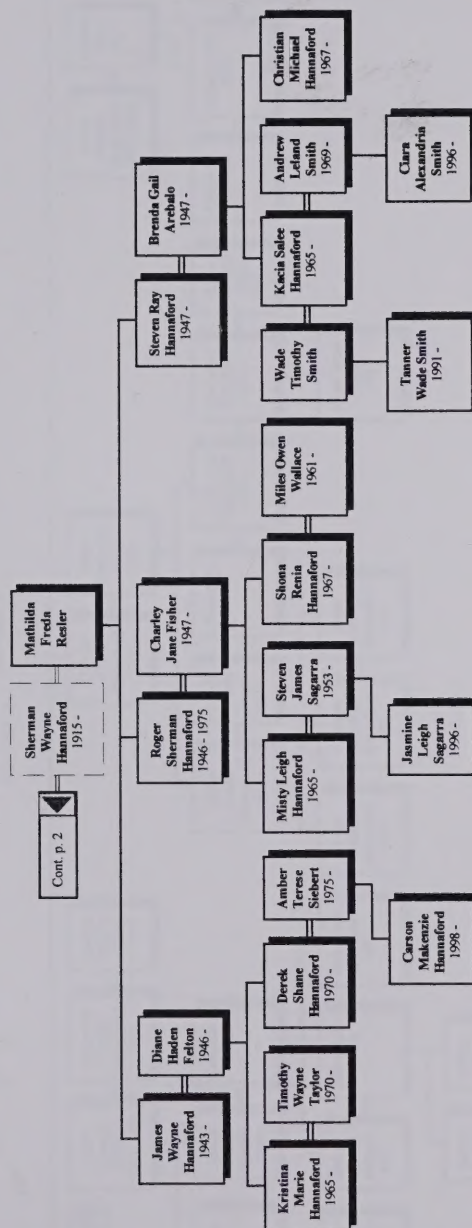


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the experimental setup.

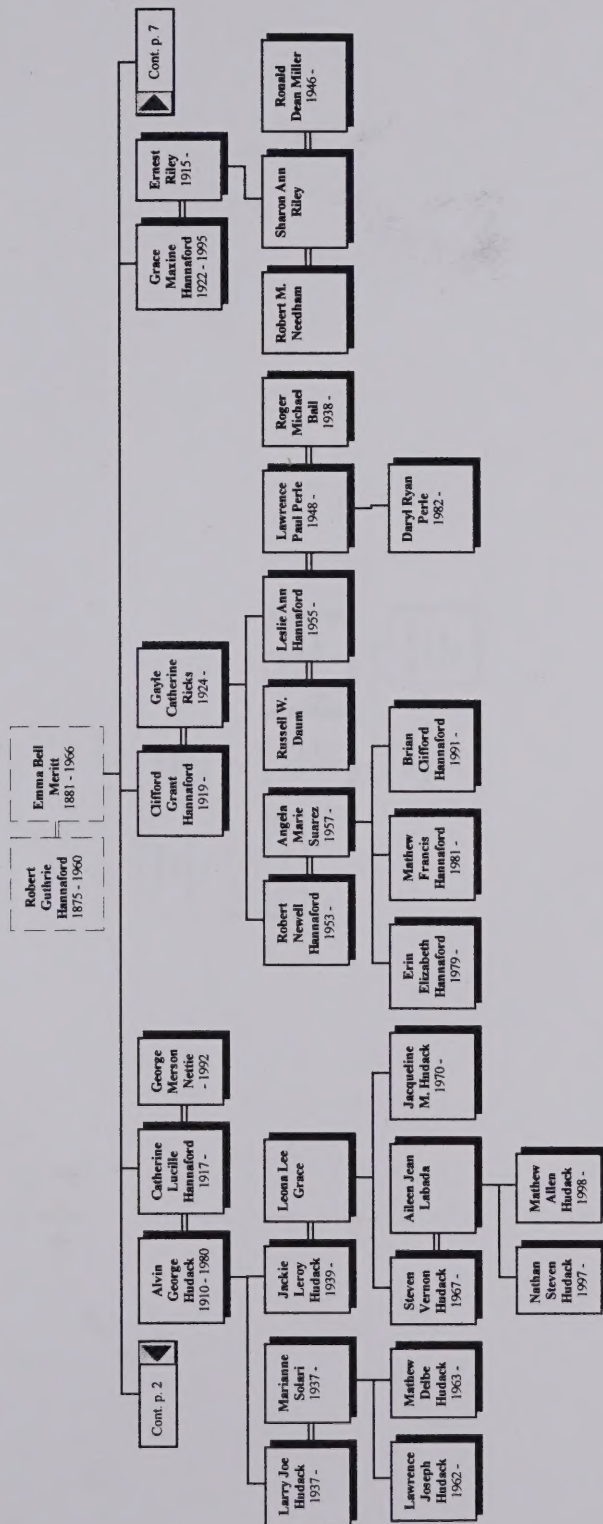


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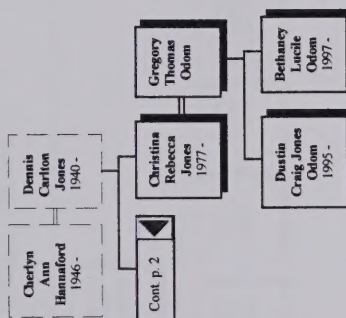


Descendants of Robert Guthrie Hannaford (5 of 7)



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Descendants of Robert Guthrie Hannaford (7 of 7)

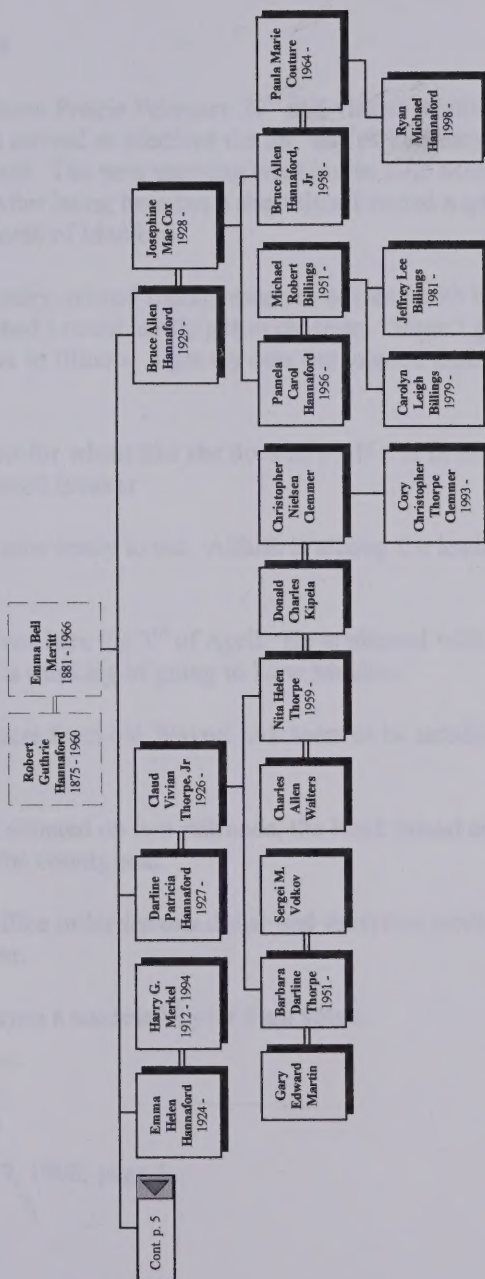


Diagram of the C-130 Hercules



First Impression of Oklahoma is a Favorable One to R. G.

Hannaford, a Former Wayneite. Letter to Wayne County Press, Fairfield, Illinois.

Medford, Okla. April 19, 1908

Dear Editor—I started from Burnt Prairie February 20th and visited relative near Sims; started from Sims the 24th and arrived at Medford the 26th day of February at 10:15 p.m. We stayed overnight at the hotel. The next morning went out to John Meritt's and stayed with him two or three days. After being here but a short time I rented a quarter section two miles east and one mile north of Medford.

I am well pleased with the country, no bad muddy roads to contend with here. When I left Illinois the roads were so bad I could hardly get to the train. When I got here they were better than they ever were in Illinois. I got my oats out in good time, and they look fine.

Oklahoma never had a prospect for wheat like she does now. If it is favorable from now on the wheat crop will be a record breaker

Alfalfa is sure fine here. It is now ready to cut. Alfalfa is among the leading, makes five and six crops a year.

William [Hannaford, ed.] arrived here the 3rd of April. He is pleased with the country. He works on a farm now, but is thinking of going to New Mexico.

There are quite a few people here from old Wayne. All seem to be satisfied so far as I know.

Medford, our nearest town, is situated on two railroads, the Rock Island and the Santa Fe, and has a bright prospect for the county seat.

You will find enclosed post office order for one dollar and thirtyfive cents for which send me the PRESS the coming year.

Wishing the people of old Wayne a successful year I am yours.

R. G. Hannaford

Wayne County Press of May 7, 1908, page 5

1. The purpose of this study is to investigate the effect of the independent variable on the dependent variable.

2. The study was conducted in a laboratory setting with a sample of 30 participants. The participants were randomly assigned to two groups: the experimental group and the control group.

3. The experimental group received the treatment, while the control group did not. The results of the study showed that the experimental group performed significantly better than the control group.

4. The findings of this study suggest that the independent variable has a positive effect on the dependent variable. Further research is needed to confirm these results.

5. The study was limited by the sample size and the laboratory setting. Future studies should include a larger sample and a more naturalistic environment.

6. The results of this study have implications for the field of psychology, particularly in the area of cognitive development.

7. The study was conducted in accordance with the ethical guidelines of the American Psychological Association.

8. The data were analyzed using a two-tailed t-test, which revealed a significant difference between the two groups.

9. The study was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health.

10. The study was published in the Journal of Experimental Psychology.

11. The study was conducted by Dr. John Doe and his research team.

12. The study was presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association.

13. The study was reviewed by the Institutional Review Board.

14. The study was approved by the National Commission on the Status of Women.

Letter from John B. Meritt [to Wayne County Press, Fairfield, IL]
Medford, Okla. Jan. 16. 1919

Dear Editor and friends—I was home in November and I think it would be a good place to live yet. I have been away 11 years and it looked really better than I thought it did. I am 5 miles north of Medford on a wheat farm. Wheat doesn't make every year. We have had six crops out of the 11 years. I raised 3000 bushels wheat this year. I got a threshing machine; I threshed 38,000 bushels this year 20 cents per bushel. We are all snow bound. The mail man has not been round for two weeks. It looks like it might be two more before he comes..

My wife was called to Chillicothe, Ohio, August 27th to attend the funeral of her father, W. P. Cravens, one of Wayne County's old land marks, who lived in Leech township. His death was caused by dropsy and leakage of the heart.

I will write some for the boys. W. M. [?, ed.] Meritt and family live in Jefferson, Okla. on half section of land, doing pretty good. He has two boys.....[missing text here]....There are other Wayne County people here. Mr. Biggerstaff is doing fine. A family by the name of Nickens are here and are all well and doing well.

R. G. Hannaford lives 2 miles north and 2 west of us and Sunday morning the phone bell rang and R. G. had killed hogs and seems that he was feeling good; he had sold \$2000 worth of cattle and I took an inventory and found he had 60 head left and 30 head of hogs and quite a bunch of work horses and colts and two barns full of alfalfa hay; so we left them by wishing R. G. and Mrs Hannaford and children another good crop.

We had the measles, and smallpox and flu; if you happen around our way the door latch hangs on the outside with ends loose to all Wayne Wanderers. Wishing Wayne county and the Press good luck and prosperity. We remain yours.

John B. Meritt and Wife

Wayne County Press of February 6, 1919

Letter from R. G. Hannaford [to Wayne County Press, Fairfield, IL]
Medford, Oklahoma

[First sentence illegible]. We have been away from Wayne county twenty-two years. We are glad to hear each year from our many old time friends and schoolmates. My wife is the daughter of W. G. Meritt of Fairfield, formerly Emma Meritt. We have bought a home here in Medford and I have been running the dray line for the past eight years. Our oldest daughter Verta and husband John Kilian are on a good farm four miles northwest of Medford engaged in farming and doing fine. Their only child Ruth is in school. Our daughter Alice and husband S. F. Bryson live at 1011 North Walnut, Oklahoma City. He is field manager for the Fuller Brush Company there. Eugene our oldest son is manager of the Hornaday Shoe Store at 306 West Main, Oklahoma City. Vernon our next son is married and owns a home here in Medford. He and his wife are employed at the A&C chain store owned by her father. Alberta graduated from high school last year, and has since been employed at the A&C store also. The other children are going to school and doing fine.

Wayne County Press of February 6, 1930

Pleasant Memories Inspired; Many Greetings Exchanged

Letter from John B. Meritt [to Wayne County Press, Fairfield, Ill]

Jefferson, Okla., January 1937

Enclosed find two dollars for year's renewal to the Press. We had a fine snow, but it is fine winter weather. The wheat is in fine condition. The boys and I have about seven hundred acres of wheat sown. We are having plenty rain and snow. The folks feel fine about the wheat prospects. R. G. Hannaford and family still live in Medford, Okla. They have good health. R. G. runs the dray business with a truck. Robert Taylor and family live in Jefferson. Bob runs the park. We have a fine park, the PWA spent seven thousand dollars on it. We have a fine mill here. Seven hundred fifty barrels [sic]. It pays five cents above market price per bushel for grain. They run five big trucks, hauling wheat and flour. Our oldest girl is married and has one daughter sixteen years old in high school. Ross is married living near Medford, doing fine. Myrtle, the youngest daughter, is married and lives in Jefferson. They have two girls. Best wishes to all.

John B. Meritt

Letter from R. G. Hannaford [to Wayne County Press, Fairfield, IL]
Medford, Oklahoma January 22, 1940

As one of Wayne County's Wanderers, I have lived in Medford, Okla. for the last 31 years and am glad to report, but sad to notice in your paper that some of our old friends have passed to the Great Beyond. My own mother passed away a year ago last September and also my sister, Mrs Herman Simpson, in Anderson, Indiana.

I am now in the transfer business and handle freight for the Enid Transfer and Storage Company and Checker Transfer Lines out of Kansas City, Mo. And I have an office and storage room for the business.

Our oldest daughter, Mrs Verta Hannaford Kilian, lives on a farm seven and one half miles northwest of Medford, has three children, one girl in high school and two smaller boys of school age. Our second daughter, Alice Hannaford Bryson, lives in Caldwell, Kansas, has one little girl six now, in her first year of school. Mr Bryson is manager of the Farmers Elevator there. Eugene, our oldest son, now in California, is a traveling auditor, while his wife is manager of a ladies ready to wear in Los Angeles. Vernon, our second boy, is in Blackwell, Okla., where he is manager of a meat market. His one daughter, Margie Lee, is in the third grade, and Alberta, a third daughter, is working for Montgomery Ward in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Gertrude Hannaford Flood is a trained nurse in Tulsa, Okla. where Mr Flood is employed by Brown and Duncan Mercantile Co. Wayne Hannaford, our third son, is working in a filling station in Pond Creek, where his wife is also employed in a grocery. Lucille Hannaford Hudack, daughter, lives in Santa Barbara, Calif. where Mr Hudack is employed by Sears Roebuck and Co., they have two boys. Clifford, next to our youngest, was graduated from high school and is now working in a local meat market. Maxine graduates from high school this year while Helen is a sophomore and plays in the high school band. Patsy, our youngest daughter, in in the eighth grade, and Bruce, our youngest, had the misfortune to get his leg broken while playing at school and in now in a hospital.

My wife, Mrs Hannaford, the eldest daughter of W. G. Meritt of Fairfield, is in fairly good health and joins in best wishes to all our old friends in and around Fairfield.

Enclosed you will find two dollars for which you will mark up our subscription for another year.

R. G. Hannaford

Wayne County Press of February 6, 1940

Letter from R. G. Hannaford [to Wayne County Press, Fairfield, IL]
Medford, Okla. Jan 20, 1947

Dear Editor—It must be about time for the non-resident issue of the Wayne County Press. It has been many years since we have written. I subscribed for the Press about 50 years ago. My parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hannaford, had taken it for years.

We think often of the good people of Wayne county and are always glad to hear from the old-timers scattered in different states. And again, we are sad to know of our dear relatives and friends who have passed on to the Great Beyond. Just 47 years ago, my wife and I were married in Burnt Prairie. That makes our anniversary easy to remember, January 1st, 1900. My wife, Emma B. Meritt, was the daughter of the late W.G. Meritt, of Fairfield. Our daughter Alice and husband Sybley Bryson, gave us a surprise dinner on our anniversary with some of our old neighbors, formerly of Medford, Okla., present. They live in Caldwell, Kan., near the Oklahoma line. They own a nice home on North Main St. My son-in-law, Bryson, has charge of a mill and elevator and in doing a nice business. Our guests at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Bryson and daughter Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. O.V. Williams of Caldwell, Kan., our daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Flood, and our son Clifford, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Alberta and Patsy H., of 1200 North Hudson, Oklahoma City, are employed at Montgomery Ward and Sears, in office work. Vernon Hannaford, our son, of Enid, Okla., is employed as a meat cutter and Ruth Kilian, our grand-daughter, of Medford, Okla. is employed as bookkeeper in Co-op Mill and Elevator Company, and Bruce, our youngest son, is in high school.

We own our home and have our street graveled. We live at 279 South Third Street. We have 13 children scattered in three different states. Gertrude Flood works in the office at a clinic. Helen also works in an office. One of our married daughters, Mrs Erny Riley, has a baby daughter, two months old. Her husband, an ex-service man, served in the European theatre of war. Our oldest son, Gene, was born in Wayne City. Clifford enlisted in the service before Pearl Harbor and has served as a technical sergeant for four years.

Our children living in Kansas are Mr. and Mrs. Hudack, of Coffeyville. They have two sons. Gary and Jackie are still in grade school. Mr. Hudack has charge of the hardware department for Sears & Roebuck of Coffeyville. Their address is 412 West First street. Mr. and Mrs. Sybley Bryson and daughter live in Caldwell.

Our children living in Oklahoma are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hannaford. They have two daughters, one in high school, and one daughter Caroline [Cherlyn, ed.], four months old. Vernon served overseas in the air corps. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Wayne Hannaford are located in Alva, Okla. Wayne is working in the Produce business since his release from the service. He and his wife have two very nice little boys, Jimmie Wayne, three, and Roger, one. Wayne was a sergeant in the air corps. Mr. and Mrs. John Kilian have five sons. They live on a farm near Kingfisher, Okla. Their daughter Ruth works in a Co-op

office in Medford, Okla. Kilian is in farming, stock raising, and poultry business. He was a veteran of World War I.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Carter, formerly of Wayne county, between Fairfield and Jeffersonville, live in Medford. Mrs. Carter was formerly a Sprague, a sister of the late W.H. Sprague, who operated a post office there. They came to Grant County, Okla. in 1907 or 1908 and lived on a farm until the last seven years. Mr. Carter celebrated his 89th birthday this week. Catherine has taught school in Blackwell, Okla. several years and is teaching there at the present. His son, Sam, is located at Blackwell. Jack and his son and family live on a farm and are getting along well.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hula live on a farm near Medford. They own a good farm and are in the stock and poultry business. This is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Carter. Another daughter married and lives in Oklahoma City.

We are sorry to report that John B. Meritt passed away at the beginning of the war. He and his family came here from southern Leech, near Elm Grove church, in 1907. He was a brother of the late W.G. Meritt and an uncle of Mrs. R. G. Hannaford. Mrs. John Meritt and her son live on a good farm south and west of Jefferson, Okla. The farm consists of 240 acres on the Salt Fork river. She has four sons. Elmer, Lyal, and Fred live near the Meritt farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Staffy and daughter Susan own a farm near another daughter, Mrs. Shard, husband and three children. They all live near, work together and are doing well. Another daughter of John B. Meritt, Mrs. Rose [Bondie?, ed.], while starting a fire had taken a can of kerosene and thrown it in the stove. It exploded throwing oil over Rose, her little boy, 8 years old and the baby in its crib nearby. They were rushed to the hospital but lived only a few hours. This happened in Jefferson, Oklahoma. I went to the scene of the accident after they had been taken to the hospital and it was a sad place to witness.

Mr. and Mrs. Robie [sic] Taylor of Jefferson sold their property and bought a home here in Medford. They came from Burnt Prairie. He has one son living in Alva, Oklahoma teaching in a high school. Another son lives in Los Angeles, Calif., two daughters on farm and two daughters in Medford. One son-in-law works in a furniture store. Another daughter, Mrs. Lorene Fink works in the First National Bank.

I was born near Burnt Prairie on December 6, 1875. Roy Boyd, a contractor in Fairfield is a brother-in-law of mine. Owing to our health we sold our dray business here last May, a business we had operated for 25 years.

R. G. Hannaford

Wayne County Press of February 6, 1947

Mr. Hannaford Writes [to Wayne County Press, Fairfield, IL]
Medford, Okla., Jan. 15, '49

Dear Editor—It's time for the non-residence issue—another year has rolled around and we look forward for the edition with great anxiety. It's a great pleasure to hear from our old friends and schoolmates far and near.

My wife and I were back in Wayne and White county in September a year ago, and to say we had a very nice time would be putting it mild. We were in Illinois three weeks. We say many old friends and schoolmates but missed seeing many we would have liked to see. But many of our relatives and friends have gone to the great beyond.

We came to Oklahoma in 1908 so almost 41 years have passed. We were married at Burnt Prairie January 1st 1900, so you can say that our 50th anniversary will be next January 1st. During this time we lived on a farm of 480 acres. Farming and stock raising for 13 years and moved to Medford and was in dray and storage business for 25 years. Sold our equipment and business on account of my health 2 years ago. My health has improved and my wife and I are pretty good for our age. We own a very comfortable, modern home at 279 South 3rd Street. We have 13 children, 8 girls and 5 boys and 15 grandchildren, 10 boys and 5 girls. We had 3 children when we came to Oklahoma. Verta married a World War I veteran, John Kilian. They have one daughter employed in Enid as an accountant. They live on a farm 9 miles northwest of Medford and have 5 boys, 4 in school, are on a farm of 480 acres. Her husband is formerly from Illinois.

Alice, our second daughter, taught school 5 years, married S. Bryson. They own a nice home in Caldwell, Kans., have one daughter in high school.

Eugene, oldest son, lives in Los Angeles, Calif., and has office uptown and nice business. Our son, Cliff, works for him.

Eugene and wife made us a visit Christmas, first time he has been home for 8 years.

Clifford married about a year ago. He was in the air corps 4 years. He works with his brother, Eugene.

Our daughter, Maxine, married a man in Los Angeles, Calif., ex-service man formerly from Nebraska. They have one daughter, Sharon, 2 ½ years old.

Helen lived in Los Angeles and married Major H. Merkel, formerly from Ohio, had 4 years service overseas. He now has a business of his own. They made us a visit Christmas. Their home is at 155 Montecresta Ave., Oakland, Calif.

Our son, Vernon, and his wife have a daughter 2 ½ years old. An older daughter is employed in a store. Vernon was in the air corps 3 years. He has charge of store and meat department in Enid, Okla., owns his home on Hickory St.

Lucille married Alvin Hudack and lives in Coffeyville, Kans., have two boys, Larry and Jackie.

Wayne, named for Wayne county, lives in Alva, Okla., have 3 nice boys. Works for Wilson & Co. In service 2 ½ years.

Alberta and Patsy live in Oklahoma City at 1200 N. Hudson. She works for Montgomery Ward for 15 years in office. Patsy works for Sears, Roebuck Co. in office. Bruce, our youngest son, is in college and is at home when not in college.

Mrs. John B. Meritt passed away last June. They lived on farm near Jeffersonville [Jefferson, ed.], Okla. They had 5 sons and 2 daughters, all own their own homes but one son. Two sons bought the old home. Brook owns [1/2?, ed.] section someplace, very good farm. He is a bachelor. Please take notice ladies!

Mr. and Mrs. John Carter live here in Medford. We see them quite often. They are getting along OK. Mr. Carter is edging on to the nineties. They came from Jeffersonville, Ill in 1908. Mrs. Carter was a Sprague, a sister of the late [B?] Sprague. Mrs. Carter is active in civic works and has many friends. Katherine, their daughter is an experienced high school teacher and teaching in Enid, Okla.

Jack Carter and family live on a farm near Medford and is a progressive farmer. They have one son and family living in Blackwell, Okla. Another daughter and family are in Oklahoma City. Another daughter is in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hula, their daughter and son-in-law, live on a farm 2 miles south of Medford. He is a stock raiser and prosperous farmer.

Please let me say hello to your postmaster. He's a distant cousin of mine, Carson Stanley.

Medford population is about 1500 and county seat. We have had 7 good wheat crops in succession. We are getting some oil production. In about 3 different parts of the county and it is putting things on the boom. Greetings to all whom we have known in old Wayne. Best wishes to you and you.

R. G. Hannaford

Oklahoma Wayneites [Wayne County Press, Fairfield, IL]
Medford, Okla. Jan. 22, 1951

Dear Editors—The time has come to report to the non-resident issue of the Press. We are grateful for the privilege to report and are glad to hear from our many friends through the Old Home paper. We say old home paper, which it is as it has been taken in the family since 1898. I recall sending in a subscription for my brother-in-law, W. H. Edwards, of Burnt Prairie, that year.

My wife and I were back to Fairfield two years ago last September and visited with many of our relation and old friends. My wife's maiden name was Emma B. Meritt, daughter of W. B. Meritt, Burnt Prairie. He passed away several years ago. We visited Mr and Mrs. John Tibbs. Nora passed to the Great Beyond last June. We also Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boyd and family and another sister Luna Meritt and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Russell of Noble.

Also visited in Noble with Rev. and Mrs. Cloyd Irvine and family from near Springfield, Ill. Also a cousin of mine, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cravens, of Fairfield, and also Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards of Burnt Prairie, and Mr. and Mrs. John Funkhouser. Mrs. Funkhouser is a cousin of mine also my brother, Eugene Hannaford and family of Burnt Prairie.

Just now received clipping from your paper announcing death of Rev. Ben H. Cravens, Methodist minister of Macedonia, Ill. Funeral services conducted at Burnt Prairie Cumberland Presbyterian church by Methodist church of McLeansboro, Ill. He was a cousin of mine.

My wife and I live in our own home where we have lived for several years at 279 South 3rd St., Medford, Okla. We have 13 children. Oldest child, Verta, daughter, is now Mrs. John Kilian, living on wheat and cattle farm of 180 acres near Medford, Okla. They have one daughter, who works in Enid, Okla., and five boys living at home. Oldest boy, John Vernon Kilian, finishes high school this year and I suppose he will be drafted into the army soon after graduation. Joe is in high school and the other three in grade school. Alice, now Mrs. Sibley Bryson, has one daughter graduating from high school this year. They own their own home, located on North Main St., Caldwell, Kas. Mr. Bryson is manager of Co-op Mill and Elevator there and doing nice business.

Another daughter, Lucille, is now Mrs. A. G. Hudack of Coffeyville, Kas. Daughter, Alberta, is employed by Montgomery & Co. in Oklahoma City, Okla. in the finance department, address 1200 N. Hudson, Oklahoma City, Okla. Another daughter, Patsy, now Mrs. C. V. Thorpe, is in Amarillo, Texas. Staff Sgt. C. V. Thorpe is Marine recruiting officer, address is P.O. Box 2262, Amarillo, Texas. Patsy works for Sears, Roebuck and Co. in Amarillo.

Son, Vernon Hannaford, lives at 317 E. Hickory St., Enid, Okla. and owns his home. He is manager of meat market in Enid. Another son, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hannaford, ...[text is missing from copy; it picks up again with an apparent reference to the Taylor

family; ed.]...One son owns farm near Alva, Okla., and is teaching in Alva high school. Another daughter [an apparent reference to Lorraine Taylor Fink; ed.] lives in Medford, owning home on South 5th Street. He [Elmer Fink; ed.] works for the Medford paper and she works at First National Bank.

The John B. Meritt family all live near Jefferson except one daughter and family living in Arkansas. Brook Meritt and Lyle Meritt and family live on home place and own it. They have large investment in farm equipment and farm extensively. Elmer Meritt and family live near Jefferson and own 240 acre farm and lease considerable more. Another son, Fred Meritt, lives near Pond Creek, farms wheat and raises livestock. All are doing fine. The oldest daughter and family, Sue, Mrs. Frank Steffey, live on farm near Jefferson, Okla. operate and own farm, raising wheat, alfalfa, and livestock. John Meritt, Sr. left Burnt Prairie in 1907 and located on farm near Medford. The Meritts are cousins of my wife. They visited us and Mrs. Roy Boyd during their visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boyd were here in August and made us a visit that we enjoyed very much. Next day, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cravens, cousins of mine, also gave us a very pleasant surprise visit. It was wonderful to have kinfolks and friends visit us and did we enjoy their visit. About the first of November we had a very pleasant surprise, my sister and husband, W. H. Edwards of Burnt Prairie and their daughter, Berl Nelson, from Indiana visited us. They got home just in time to elect the Republican governor.

Any Wayne county people coming this way, on Highway 81 or Highway 11, stop, the latch string is on the outside. Best wishes.

R. G. Hannaford
279 South 3rd St.

Wayne County Press of February 8, 1951

Mr. Hannaford's Letter [Wayne County Press, Fairfield, IL]
Medford, Okla. Jan. 20, 1952

Dear Editor—I want to thank the editor and staff of the Wayne County Press for the privilege of writing to the old home paper. I have been a subscriber of the Press for fifty-six years and it is a welcome visitor to our mail box. We hear from so many friends and relatives through its pages. Last year I learned of the whereabouts of a cousin with whom I had lost contact for fifty years.

Grant county's north line borders Kansas' southern line. We are having nice warm weather now and farmers are plowing for spring crops. Prospects for wheat look good for the present.

Thanks to someone for sending the paper to remind me that the non-resident issue was due. We live at the same place we have lived for several years. We own our own home on South Third street just four blocks from the business district.

My wife and I celebrated our 52nd anniversary on January 1st. That is an easy date to remember. We were married in Burnt Prairie on that date in 1900. My wife, Emma B. Hannaford, was the daughter of the late W. G. Meritt who passed away several years ago in Fairfield. They were members of the Methodist church there. We have many friends and relatives in Fairfield and Wayne county.

Our oldest daughter, husband and family farm 480 acres and raise Hereford cattle. Their oldest daughter lives in Enid, Okla. She has a good job as an accountant. Our (*their*, ed.) oldest boy works for Clyde Co's, here in Medford.

Verta, our oldest daughter and husband have one son in school at Medford and three boys who attend grade school.

Alice, the second daughter, husband, and daughter, Maryland [sic], live in Caldwell, Kansas, where they own a nice home on North Main street. Mr. Bryson has charge of the mill and elevator in Caldwell.

Daughter, Lucille, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hudack, reside in Coffeyville, Kansas. They have two boys in school. Mr. Hudack is employed at the Sears & Roebuck Co. there. They own their home at 412 West 8th street.

Our son, Wayne and wife live at 703 First Street, Alva, Okla.. They have a family of three boys. The oldest son is in his second year of school.

Vernon, another son and his wife and daughter, Sharon [Cherlyn, ed.], reside at 317 E. Hickory Street, in Enid, Okla. Vernon has charge of a butcher shop.

Our daughter, Alberta, lives at 1200 N. Hudson in Oklahoma City. Since graduating from high school she has been employed in the finance department in the Sears & Roebuck Co. [Montgomery Ward, ed.]

Our daughter, Patsy, was employed in the finance department of Sears & Roebuck in Oklahoma City for more than five years. She later married S-Sgt. C. V. Thorpe and they live in that city at 3204 N.W. 23rd St. Sgt Thorpe is a Marine recruiting officer in the postoffice building there.

Our son, Bruce, is in college at Stillwater, Oklahoma. He is specializing in chemical engineering.

Another son, Gene, is located in Los Angeles, Calif., where he has been residing for 21 years. Another son, Clifford, is located at 50 Orange St., in Los Angeles. He is employed by his brother Gene.

Our daughter, Gertrude, is employed at Presbyterian, Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Riley and daughter, Sharon, live on Marquette Street. Ernie is a carpenter and cabinet worker. Daughter, Helen, is Mrs. Hal Merkel. Mr. Merkel is a traveling salesman.

My brother, W. T. Hannaford, made us a visit. He formerly made his home in Illinois but has lived in Anderson, Ind., for 25 years. He stopped by on his way to Austin, Texas, to visit his son and wife, Captain and Mrs. Gordon Hannaford and family, who flew to Texas from England.

We will be pleased to have some of our relatives and friends visit us. We have had pleasant visits from Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boyd, of Fairfield, your building contractor. Mrs. Boyd is my wife's sister, from Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cravens of Fairfield—Percy is a cousin of mine; also from Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards and daughter, Berl, of Bt. Prairie. Mrs. Edwards is my sister.

We would be pleased to hear from our many friends and relatives. Our latch string is always out. I hope the time will soon come when our service men in distant lands will soon be home, God bless our boys. The world might take lessons in friendliness from Wayne county people.

R. G. Hannaford
279 South 3rd St.

Wayne County Press of February 7, 1952

The R. G. Hannafords [Wayne County Press, Fairfield, IL]
Medford, Okla. Jan. 13, 1953

Dear Editor—Another year has rolled around and we pause to look back over the year to see how it has affected our lives and the lives of others whom we hope to hear from in this wanderer's edition.

We take pleasure in thanking the editor for giving us the opportunity to hear from our many friends far and near. Many pleasant moments have passed during the year.

Our health has been pretty good although last Spring I entered General hospital for 25 days. My daughter, Gertrude, who is a nurse in the Presbyterian hospital in Los Angeles, got a leave to come home for about a month. Gertrude is now just returning home from a vacation in the Hawaiian Islands.

In my early teens we lived northwest of Barnhill and I attended the Hall school. I think I once could recall almost every family in the Hall school district. Now I know of one or two—Genetta Lloyd and Dave Trousdale. It may be that the district is consolidated now. We always had good teachers, Sam Meeks, Geo. Cox and his sister, and M. J. Lasater. They were all wonderful people but I doubt if any are living now.

We left Jeffersonville in February 1908 and located on a 480-acre farm where we were engaged in stock raising and wheat farming. We lived on the farm 13 years and later moved to Medford, Okla. where we operated a Dray Line for 25 years. We then bought a place on South 3rd Street, a 7-room modern house with bath and double garage and have lived there since.

When we left Illinois we had three children, Verta, Alice, and Gene. Verta (Mrs. John Kilian) and family make their home nine miles northwest of Medford on a 480-acre wheat farm. They made about 24 bushels per acre and have a herd of about fifty head of cattle.

Alice married Sib Bryson and the own a nice residence on N. Main Street. Mr. Bryson is manager of the Farmer's Coop Mill & Elevator Company. They have one daughter who recently graduated from college.

Gene is married and lives in Los Angeles, Calif. He owns a business and he and Clifford have eight men working for them on the road. Both live on South Orange Street in Los Angeles.

Daughter, Alberta, who is not married, is employed in the finance department of Montgomery-Ward.

Patsy married T-Sgt. C. V. Thorpe, who is a marine recruiting officer in the post office building at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Vernon and wife and daughter live at 317 East Hickory, Enid, Okla., where he operates a meat market.

Wayne and family make their home in Alva, Okla. at 703 4th Street. They have 3 boys—two in grade school and one at home.

Bruce, the youngest son, a graduate chemical engineer, has received an offer from Dupont Company in Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Riley and daughter live on Margureta street. Mr. Riley is a carpenter and cabinet maker.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hudack and two sons reside in Santa Barbara where he is employed with Sears & Roebuck.

I am the oldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hannaford, who owned a home on Center Street. My father was a civil war veteran and lived in Fairfield for many years. My wife was the daughter of the late W. G. Meritt, well known Wayne county resident. Her two sisters are Luna Meritt and Mrs. Roy Boyd.

I took subscriptions for the Wayne County Press more than 55 years ago and I remember one I signed up who is still a subscriber—my brother-in-law, W. H. Edwards of Burnt Prairie.

On January 1st we celebrated our 53rd anniversary. The Medford paper gave us a nice writeup and so did the Blackwell, Oklahoma Journal and Kay county paper. The Enid paper took pictures and announced our anniversary over the radio.

Well, we had some pleasant surprises. Election day, Eisenhower carried Oklahoma by 87,000 votes over Truman—thanks to the ladies and many more people. The folks in our county, bordering on Kansas, are politically about the same as Kansas.

We are anxious to hear from many non-residence readers. Many have passed to the Great Beyond. "Going down the valley, one by one. God be with you till we meet again". Best wishes to you and you.

R. G. Hannaford

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